

EPA completed collecting ground water samples from private wells south of the Colorado border along the Animas River and the San Juan River of New Mexico from August 10, 2015 through August 15, 2015. EPA has not received the final results for all of the samples, however, the preliminary results that have been received indicate that all were less than the state and the federal drinking water Maximum Contaminant Limits (MCLs). Some samples exceeded the secondary MCL for manganese. High manganese can impart an unpleasant taste and odor to drinking water, and can cause mineral deposits on plumbing fixtures and laundry. The EPA Health Advisory is available at this location http://www.epa.gov/ogwdw/ccl/pdfs/reg_determine1/support_cc1_magnese_dwreport.pdf

After EPA receives the final results for each well sampled, EPA and the New Mexico Environment Department (NMED) will provide the results with an explanation of the results to each well owner.